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In re Application of :
Suzuki et al. :
Application No. 10/087,772 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: March 5, 2002 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2756:

This letter is in response to the "NOTICE OF ERROR IN THE DETERMINATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT" filed October 26, 2006. Applicants disclose that the correct patent term adjustment (at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance) is 696 days, not 753 days.

The request for review of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (696) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

Applicants state no basis for their disclosure. Nonetheless, a review of the record reveals that a period of adjustment of 57 days for Office delay was entered in error. Applicants' Request for Continued Examination was entered as filed March 31, 2006, rather than the correct date of July 31, 2006. Use of this incorrect date led to entry of a period of Office delay for taking until September 26, 2006 to mail a Notice of Allowance. As September 26, 2006 is within four months of the correct

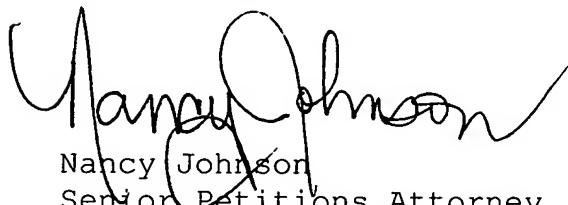
filing date of the RCE of July 31, 2006, there was no Office delay.

In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SIX (696) days.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Patent Publication has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for issuance of the application. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", with a stylized, flowing script.

Nancy Johnson
Senior Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of adjusted PAIR calculation

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/087772

Application Filing Date:	03/05/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	844
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	91
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	696
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